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## AGUILERA APPOINTED TO NATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS -- State Rep. John Aguilera (D- East Chicago) was appointed by the National Conference of State Legislatures to a special driver's license advisory committee that is responsible for helping the U.S. Department of Transportation create federal minimum standards for state-issued driver's licenses and personal identification cards.

The committee will convene on April 15 in Washington, D.C., during the National Conference of State Legislatures' Spring Forum.

"I am very honored to be recognized by the National Conference of State Legislatures as a legislator who is deeply concerned about issues regarding state-issued identification reform," said Aguilera. "I look forward to the convening of this committee and I am sure we will work together to come up with standards that are both fair and effective."

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, which President George W. Bush signed into law in 2004, calls for the formation of a rulemaking committee to create federal minimum standards for driver's licenses and state IDs. Under this act, states will still preserve the right to determine driver's license eligibility standards.

This appointment is a continuation of Aguilera's demonstrated commitment to driver's license and transportation issues. In 2004, Aguilera was appointed to serve as vice chairman of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Transportation Committee. During his time as a state representative, Aguilera has authored multiple bills dealing with air bags and traffic safety.